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OF HEALTH

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PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1960

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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH:

R. BARNES, B.A., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.



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CUDWORTH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Divisional Health Office,  
33 Queens Road,  
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July, 1961.

ANNUAL REPORT

for the Year ended 31st December, 1960.

To the Chairman and Members of the  
CUDWORTH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you my fifth Annual Report on the health and social conditions for the year ended 31st December, 1960.

The statistics in respect of your area are still generally favourable, although there was a slight rise in both the death rate and the infant mortality rate. These statistics are based on very small numbers which make the final index hardly significant from the national average.

Progress in immunisation and vaccination continued and Diphtheria immunisation again showed a rise despite the campaign which had been carried out for Poliomyelitis Vaccination. In respect of the latter campaign attention was concentrated rather more on third doses during the current year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Chairman and Members of the Council for the courtesy and many kindnesses they have shown, the Public Health Inspector for his help and co-operation and the staff of the divisional health office for their loyal support.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

R. BARNES.

Medical Officer of Health.



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## SECTION 1.

### URBAN DISTRICT OF CUDWORTH.

#### Statistics and Social Conditions

Area	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,746
Registrar-General's estimate of Population									
mid 1960	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8,960
No. of inhabited houses according to the Rate Book									
31st December, 1960	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,696
Rateable Value, 31st December, 1960	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£60,479
Nett product of a Penny Rate 1960/61	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£230

The principal occupations of the inhabitants of the district are coalmining and railway transport.

#### VITAL STATISTICS

##### Population

The Registrar General's estimated population at mid 1960 was 8,960 as compared with 8,900 at mid 1959. The natural increase of population showing the increase of births over deaths was 73 as compared with 95 in the previous year.

<u>Live Births</u>						<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Legitimate	...	...	...	...	...	79	86	165
Illegitimate	...	...	...	...	...	4	3	7

The number of live births registered showed a decrease of 2 on the previous year. The Registrar General again supplied a comparability factor which relates the proportion of women in the district of childbearing age with the proportion in a standard population. The crude birth rate multiplied by the comparability factor gives an adjusted rate which is comparable with adjusted birth rates in other districts and with the birth rate for the country as a whole. The adjusted birth rate for your district last year was 18.4 per 1,000 estimated population as compared with 18.8 per 1,000 estimated population in 1958 and with 17.1 per 1,000 estimated population for England and Wales.

I feel that I must make comment on the number of illegitimate births in the district, which during the current year represented just over 4% of the total births.

### Stillbirths

4 Stillbirths were notified last year as compared with 3 in 1959. The stillbirth rate was 22.7 per 1,000 total live and stillbirths as compared with 16.9 per 1,000 total births in 1959 and with 19.7 per 1,000 total births for England and Wales.

### Deaths

The adjusted death rate which is the crude death rate multiplied by the comparability factor, was 15.1 per 1,000 estimated population as compared with 12.2 per 1,000 estimated population for 1959 and with 11.5 per 1,000 estimated population for England and Wales. There were 99 deaths among the inhabitants of your district during the year as against 79 in the previous year. The principal causes of death in order of numerical importance were: heart and circulatory diseases, cancer and respiratory diseases. Statistics relating to death rates and the causes and ages at death are given in tabular form at the end of the section on vital statistics.

### Infant Mortality.

There were 5 infant deaths in your district last year, giving an infant mortality rate of 29.1 per 1,000 live births as compared with 23.0 per 1,000 live births for the previous year and with 21.7 per 1,000 live births for England and Wales.

The illegitimate infant death rate was Nil.

### Peri-natal Mortality

The peri-natal mortality figure showed a substantial rise in 1960. The peri-natal mortality ratio is the number of stillbirths plus the number of deaths occurring in the first week of life per 1,000 total live and stillbirths. The figures for 1960 were 45.5 as compared with 22.6 in the previous year.

### Maternal Mortality

There were no deaths from maternal causes during the year.

# INFANT MORTALITY IN 1960

Not deaths from stated causes under one year of age

<u>Cause of death</u>	<u>Under</u> <u>1</u> <u>week</u>	<u>1 -</u> <u>2</u> <u>wks.</u>	<u>2 -</u> <u>3</u> <u>wks.</u>	<u>3 -</u> <u>4</u> <u>wks.</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>under</u> <u>four</u> <u>weeks.</u>	<u>1 -</u> <u>3</u> <u>mths.</u>	<u>3 -</u> <u>6</u> <u>mths.</u>	<u>6 -</u> <u>9</u> <u>mths.</u>	<u>9 -</u> <u>12</u> <u>mths.</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>under</u> <u>one</u> <u>year.</u>
Cot Death ... ..	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Prematurity ...	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	2
Menigitis ...	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Congenital Causes	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
TOTAL... ..	4	-	-	-	4	1	-	-	-	5



CAUSES OF DEATH IN 1960

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory ... ..	-	-	-
2. Tuberculosis, other ... ..	-	-	-
3. Syphilitic Disease ... ..	1	-	1
4. Diphtheria ... ..	-	-	-
5. Whooping Cough ... ..	-	-	-
6. Meningococcal Infections ... ..	-	-	-
7. Acute Poliomyelitis ... ..	-	-	-
8. Measles ... ..	-	-	-
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases... ..	-	1	1
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach ... ..	3	1	4
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	2	-	2
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast ... ..	-	1	1
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus ... ..	-	-	-
14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms ... ..	5	1	6
15. Leukaemia, Alukaemia ... ..	-	-	-
16. Diabetes ... ..	-	-	-
17. Vascular lesions of nervous systems	5	10	15
18. Coronary disease, angina ... ..	7	6	13
19. Hypertension ... ..	3	-	3
20. Other heart disease ... ..	3	11	14
21. Other circulatory disease ... ..	1	1	2
22. Influenza ... ..	-	-	-
23. Pneumonia ... ..	1	3	4
24. Bronchitis ... ..	7	1	8
25. Other diseases of respiratory system ... ..	-	-	-
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum ...	-	-	-
27. Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea	-	-	-
28. Nephritis and nephrosis ... ..	2	2	4
29. Hyperplasia of prostate ... ..	1	-	1
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion ...	-	-	-
31. Congenital malformations ... ..	-	1	1
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases ... ..	8	6	14
33. Motor vehicle accidents ... ..	2	-	2
34. All other accidents ... ..	1	2	3
35. Suicide ... ..	-	-	-
36. Homicide and operations of war ...	-	-	-
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ALL CAUSES ...	52	47	99
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DEATHS IN AGE GROUPS

						<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Under 1 year	...	...	...	...	...	-	5	5
1 - 5 years	...	...	...	...	...	-	-	-
5 - 10 years	...	...	...	...	...	-	-	-
10 - 15 years	...	...	...	...	...	-	-	-
15 - 20 years	...	...	...	...	...	1	-	1
20 - 25 years	...	...	...	...	...	-	-	-
25 - 35 years	...	...	...	...	...	3	-	3
35 - 45 years	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	3
45 - 55 years	...	...	...	...	...	5	2	7
55 - 65 years	...	...	...	...	...	11	5	16
65 - 70 years	...	...	...	...	...	5	5	10
70 - 75 years	...	...	...	...	...	10	8	18
75 - 80 years	...	...	...	...	...	6	11	17
80 - 85 years	...	...	...	...	...	5	5	10
85 - 90 years	...	...	...	...	...	2	4	6
90 years and over	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	3
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TOTALS	...	...	...	...	...	52	47	99
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PRINCIPAL VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1960

Based on the Registrar General Figures

	<u>CUDWORTH</u> <u>Urban</u> <u>District</u>	<u>Aggregate</u> <u>W. Riding</u> <u>Urban</u> <u>Districts</u>	<u>West</u> <u>Riding</u> <u>Admin.</u> <u>County</u>	<u>England</u> <u>and Wales</u> <u>(Provisional</u> <u>figures)</u>
Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated population:				
Crude ... ..	19.2	16.5	16.9	17.1
Adjusted ... ..	18.4	16.7	17.1	17.1
Death Rate per 1,000 estimated population:				
Crude ... ..	11.0	12.2	11.5	11.5
Adjusted ... ..	15.1	12.9	12.6	11.5
Infective and Parasitic diseases excluding Tuberculosis but including Venereal Diseases ...				
	0.22	0.06	0.06	Not available
Tuberculosis:				
Respiratory... ..	0.0	0.06	0.06	0.07
Other ... ..	0.0	0.01	0.01	0.01
All forms ... ..	0.0	0.07	0.07	0.07
Cancer ... ..	1.45	2.1	1.98	2.16
Vascular lesions of the nervous system ... ..				
	1.67	1.97	1.85	Not available
Heart and Circulatory diseases ... ..				
	3.57	4.68	4.35	Not available
Respiratory diseases ...				
	1.34	1.25	1.17	Not available
Maternal Mortality ...	-	0.7	0.73	0.39
Infant Mortality ... ..	29.1	22.5	22.5	21.7
Stillbirths ... ..	22.7	21.8	22.4	19.7



## SECTION 11.

### GENERAL PROVISION OF THE HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA.

#### Staff

The Medical Officer of Health is a part-time officer of the Council but he is engaged on whole-time Public Health work being also Medical Officer of Health for the surrounding districts and the Divisional Medical Officer of Health for Division No. 25 of the West Riding County Council. One Public Health Inspector is employed by the Council.

#### General Hospitals

The general hospitals serving your district are given below. Their administration rests with the Leeds and Sheffield Hospital Boards through the local hospital management committees.

##### Leeds Regional Hospital Board:

1. Clayton Hospital, Wakefield.
2. General Hospital, Wakefield.
3. Leeds General Infirmary.

##### Sheffield Regional Hospital Board:

1. The United Group Hospitals, Sheffield.
2. The Bockett Hospital, Barnsley.
3. The St. Helen Hospital, Barnsley.

#### Infectious Diseases Hospitals

All infectious diseases requiring hospital admission were admitted to the Kendray Hospital, Barnsley. The ambulance arrangements were the same as for the previous year with the hospital retaining its own ambulances for the service.

#### Maternity Hospitals

Maternity cases were usually admitted to the following hospitals:

St. Helen Hospital, Barnsley.  
Pindar Oaks Maternity Home, Barnsley.  
Manygates Hospital, Wakefield.  
Hallamshire Maternity Home, Chapeltown.

The services of the Jossop Hospital, Sheffield, and the Maternity Hospital, Leeds, were also available for abnormal obstetric cases.

## Tuberculosis

Most patients suffering from the disease are admitted to the Wath Wood Sanatorium, and co-operation is maintained with the Chest Physician who holds out-patients' sessions at the Chest Clinic, 46 Church St, Barnsley.

Details of sessions are as follow:

Tuesday,	10.0a.m.	to	12.0noon.	(children)
Wednesday,	10.0a.m.	to	12.0noon.	
Wednesday,	2.0.p.m.	to	4.0p.m.	
Thursday,	10.0a.m.	to	12.0noon	(children)
Friday,	10.0a.m.	to	12.0noon.	

## Venereal Diseases

The nearest centre for Cudworth patients for the diagnosis and treatment of these diseases is in Barnsley:

Address:

Special Treatment Centre,  
Queens Road,  
BARNSELEY.

Other centres are situate at Sheffield, Wakefield and Rotherham and a patient suffering from Venereal Disease is at liberty to attend at the centre of his choice. Treatment is completely confidential.

## Infant Welfare Centres.

Infant Welfare Clinics were held at the Aged Peoples Welfare Centre all day Wednesdays.

Ante-Natal Clinics were held in the same premises mainly on Friday mornings but this often extended into the afternoons.

## Laboratory Service

The laboratory service was provided by the Public Health Laboratory in Wakefield, a national service under the control of the Medical Research Council. The laboratory is equipped to deal with all bacteriological and pathological examinations, and a complete investigation is undertaken and report furnished for every specimen sent for examination.

Samples of milk taken under the Food and Drugs Act for chemical analysis were examined by the Public Analyst at the expense of the County Council.

## Ambulance Service.

The ambulance service is operated by the West Riding County Council. The depot for your area being at South Kirkby, Telephone No. South Elmsall 291.

SECTION 111

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The incidence of notifiable infectious diseases in your district last year amounted to 53 cases as compared with 228 in the previous year. This was largely due to the fall in the notification of Measles where only 2 cases were notified as compared with 195 in the previous year.

	<u>Notifiable Diseases other than Tuberculosis</u>								<u>Number notified</u>
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	23
Measles	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Dysentery	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Erysipelas	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Meningococcal Infection	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1

Scarlet Fever

23 notifications were received during the year as compared with 10 in the previous year. There has been a general tendency for this disease to become more permanent in recent years, although it never reaches epidemic proportions and in general, cases remained mild.

Measles

2 cases of Measles were notified during the year compared with 195 in the previous year.

Smallpox

No cases of Smallpox occurred during the year. 54 babies were vaccinated last year, as compared with 88 in the previous year. This does not represent the fall which at first appears. It has now become common practice not to vaccinate babies until after the age of one year, whereas previously they were vaccinated at approximately six months of age. This scheme was introduced during 1960 and, therefore, for a period of approximately six months very few people were vaccinated, in order that they may attain the age of one year. This change in procedure also makes it impossible to give percentages of children vaccinated as the children may be born in different years.



### Diphtheria and Whooping Cough

No cases of Diphtheria were notified during the year. There was again a welcome increase in the number of children immunised against the disease. The figures show that of the children in the age group 0 - 15 years, 86.4% were immunised, consisting of 63% in the 0 - 4 years age group and 97.7% in the 5 - 14 years age group. This is a very satisfactory level of immunity in the population.

8 cases of Whooping Cough occurred during the year as compared with 1 in the previous year. Immunisation against the disease has now been going on for several years and so this year I have decided to express the immunisation state of the pre-school age group (i.e. 0 - 4 years) rather than the individual year. The figure for your district is 63.1% of all children in this age group have received protection.

### Poliomyelitis

No case of Poliomyelitis occurred during the year. Immunisation against the disease continued, although the number completed with two doses was considerably less than in the previous year. Concentration of effort was mainly directed towards securing the third doses of those children already immunised with two doses. During the year 107 children, 43 young persons, 60 expectant mothers and 63 adults were immunised with two doses. This brings the total for Cudworth since the beginning of the scheme to 3,310. Consisting of 2,024 children, 837 young persons, 386 expectant mothers and 63 other adults. Of this grand total, 1,755 have received a third dose, 966 being completed during 1960.

### Tuberculosis

Three cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis and no case of Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis were notified during the year, as against Nil and one respectively during 1959. There were no deaths from the disease during the year.

TUBERCULOSIS - Record of Cases during 1960.

	<u>Pulmonary</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>	
	M	F	M	F
No. of cases on Register at 1st January, ... ..	21	17	4	2
No. of cases notified for the first time during the year	1	2	-	-
No. of cases restored to Register ... ..	-	-	-	-
No. of cases added to Register otherwise than by notification ... ..	1	1	-	-
No. removed to other districts	1	1	-	-
No. cured or otherwise removed from Register ... ..	1	2	-	-
No. died from Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-
No. died from other causes	-	-	-	-
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Total at end of 1960	22	17	4	2
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TUBERCULOSIS - New Cases and Mortality in 1960

<u>Age Periods</u>	<u>NEW CASES</u>		<u>DEATHS</u>	
	<u>Pulmonary</u>	<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>	<u>Pulmonary</u>	<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>
0 - 1 year	-	-	-	-
1 - 5 years	-	-	-	-
5 - 10 years	-	-	-	-
10 - 15 years	-	-	-	-
15 - 20 years	-	-	-	-
20 - 25 years	1	-	-	-
25 - 35 years	-	-	-	-
35 - 45 years	-	-	-	-
45 - 55 years	-	-	-	-
55 - 65 years	1	-	-	-
Over 65 years	1	-	-	-
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TOTALS ...	3	-	-	-
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SECTION IV.

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR FOR THE YEAR 1960.

To the Chairman and Members of the Council and to Dr. R. Barnes,  
Divisional Medical Officer of Health, 33 Queens Road, Barnsley.

Gentlemen,

At the beginning of the year there were 9 outstanding notices from 1959; during 1960, 73 preliminary notices were sent out requiring the execution of works, and 32 of those notices had to be followed up with legal notices. 78 preliminary notices were complied with and 33 legal notices likewise. At the end of 1960, 8 legal notices were carried forward into 1961.

The undermentioned premises received attention by the Public Health Inspector:-

106, 108, 273, 231, 233 Barnsley Road; 5 George Street; 38, 40, 42, 44 Churchfield Avenue; Open space rear of Churchfield Avenue; 40 Churchfield Avenue; 213, 215 Barnsley Road (twice), 145 to 151 Snyderdale Road; 171 Snyderdale Road; 2 and 4 Somerset Street; Pinfold Hotel; Central Stores, Darfield Road; 70 Lunn Road; 253 Pontefract Road; Glenhyran, Braemar, Banklands, Yeavinger all in Weetshaw Lane; 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 and 12 Churchfield Avenue; 53 Jackson Street; 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13 and 15 Albert Street; 62 and 64 York Street; Poplar House, Barnsley Road; 39 Newtown Avenue; Co-op. Meat retailer, Barnsley Road; 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11 Wells Street; 241 Pontefract Rd; 118 Barnsley Road; 7 Eveline Street; 4 Market Place; 165, 167 Snyderdale Road; 99 Snyderdale Road; 12 Snyderdale Road; 207, 209, 211, 213 Snyderdale Road; 249 Pontefract Road; 1 Somerset Street; 108 Snyderdale Road; 3/9 Market Place; 165 Barnsley Road; land rear 56 Newland Ave; 25 Summerdale Road; (re-inspection refused); 247 Pontefract Road; 32 Bloemfontein Street (to West Riding Court); 137, 139, 141, 143, 145, 147, 149, 151 Snyderdale Road; 155 Pontefract Road; Garden Cottages, Pontefract Road; 22 and 24 Churchfield Terrace; 251 Pontefract Road; 22 and 24 St. Johns Road; 26 Pontefract Road, 4 Kings Road; 14 Market Place; 25 Charles Street; 71 Snyderdale Road; 1a Clifford Street (to West Riding Court); 47 Churchfield Avenue; 63 Snyderdale Road; Melias Stores; Victoria Hotel; Roberts, Furnisher; Horton, Cycle Dealer; 30, 38, 42, 44 Snyderdale Road; 17 Newland Avenue; 42 Pontefract Road; 22 Somerset Street.

18 Market Street (from June 1959) reached the West Riding Court in October 1960, the owner having failed to carry out the work in a satisfactory manner.

In addition to the foregoing there were some 1008 visits to Council houses, as instructed by the Housing Committee to enforce internal decorations and cleanliness. Four cases of neglect were brought to the notice of the Committee. In two of the cases there was long term supervision of the tenants; in one of the cases the tenant refused a re-examination and the Housing Committee failed to enforce its powers; in the fourth case the tenant refused to do any re-decorating until the owner provided the house with a new fixed bath. His wishes having been met, he carried out his own obligations.



## DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

97.8% of the premises in Cudworth have their drainage systems connected to the public sewerage system (i.e. the system of underground pipes and channels maintained by the Council for conveying foul liquid and solid matters to the sewage works for treatment - "sewage" being the foul liquids and solids so conveyed).

The remaining 2.2% of premises are provided with cesspools (which are dealt with in this report under the heading "Removal of refuse"), or, as in one instance, discharge their foul liquids (6 cottages) on to land belonging to the owner of the houses. By reason of this unsatisfactory feature the houses will be included in the Council's 1960/65 clearance programme, unless they are brought to comply with the House Purchase and Improvement Act 1959. There are also on the outskirts of the Council's district, 6 houses which have no public sewer available for their use, must use cesspools for the reception of foul sink waste water only and have privy-middens as closet accommodation. These also are included in the 1960/65 clearance programme.

During 1960 there was further new house building in Weetshaw Lane and Royston Lane and each house had to be provided with a cesspool for the reception of foul matters. In lower Cudworth new bungalows have been erected, two of them being provided also with cesspools.

During the year complaint was brought to the Public Health Inspector that for some days liquid and solid foul matters were being discharged into the stream which forms the boundary in lower Cudworth. After a three day search the offender was found to be a leaking main sewer and storm overflow chamber, the foul matter being conveyed for some 300 yards by a sub-soil water drain into the stream quoted. The necessary repairs to the main sewer were carried out by the surveyor's maintenance staff and the complaint was thereby rectified.

## SANITARY ACCOMMODATION (at December 1960).

The number of houses provided with water closets is 2795 or 99.1% of the district's whole accommodation; there are 59 water closets discharging into 45 cesspools; 6 houses have the use of 5 chemical closets; 3 houses have pail closets and 14 houses share 11 privy middens made up as follows:-

1/2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 8 Belle Green using 5 chemical closets  
Storrs Mill Farm, its farm cottage and Ring Farm have 3 pails  
May Cottage, Common House, 1, 2, 3 and 4 Lawrence Villas and  
2, 4, 6, 8, 10, and 12 Weetshaw Lane are served by 9 privy middens.

The privy middens, pail closets and earth closets are a continuing worry to the Council and it is envisaged that the landlords might be persuaded to eventually take advantage of of the House Purchase and Improvement Act 1959 and by way of grant-in-aid provide the five amenities i.e. fixed bath, wash-hand bowl, foodstore, hot running water and inside w.c.

## PUBLIC CLEANSING (supervised by the surveyor)

The 45 cesspools in the district became subject in 1960 to a quarterly mechanical emptying service and during the year the Public Health Inspector was instructed to report upon the result of the emptyings and the structural conditions of the cesspools. House and trade refuse is removed twice in each 8 days. The Council makes an annual charge for the removal of refuse which is strictly "trade refuse".

## DISPOSAL OF REFUSE

The site in Weetshaw Lane has continued to be used as the site for the disposal of refuse, with a secondary site in lower Barnsley Road for the reception of dry waste building refuse and the like. No house or trade refuse is deposited there.

During the year the Council commenced to explore the possibility of providing an incinerator on a suitable isolated site for the reduction of combustible waste matter.

## WATER SUPPLY

The Council continued to obtain its water supplies from the Council of the Barnsley County Borough and each house in Cudworth's area has a supply laid on inside the house. The number of houses so provided is 2,819.

During the year at the request of the County Medical Officer of Health four samples of water used for drinking and domestic purposes were collected and despatched for examination in relation to the action of the water on lead service pipes. The report upon each sample submitted was "Satisfactory".

## MILK SUPPLIES

The year 1960 commenced with the following numbers of milk retailers holding licences to retail milk supplies:-

Barnsley British Co-operative Society Ltd. holding supplementary licences authorising retail sales of tuberculin tested, and ordinary pasteurised milks. Sterilised milk supplementary licences were also issued to the Society.

Northern Dairies (Barnsley) Ltd. also were granted supplementary licences to retail tuberculin tested and pasteurised milk. The Company also delivered pasteurised tuberculin tested, ordinary pasteurised and sterilised milk to a number of shopkeepers who in turn themselves were licensed by the Council to retail milk. 19 shopkeepers were so licensed for the year 1960.

At the end of the year the West Riding County Council became the licensing authority for all types of milk sales throughout its administrative area. From the 1st January 1961 milk licences will operate for a period of 5 years.

## SALE OF FOODS

There are two catering establishments, 8 bakehouses and approximately 70 other shop premises retailing foods. All appear to be kept in a cleanly condition and most shops are now provided with cold cabinets or refrigerator cabinets or deep freeze equipment, retailing a wide variety of cooked and uncooked foodstuffs in profusion.

There are 32 shop premises registered for the storage of ice cream for sale all of it pre-packed and nine shop premises are registered for the manufacture of sausages, potted and preserved foods.



## MEAT INSPECTION SERVICE (at two private slaughterhouses)

Number of beef animals slaughtered and examined -- 324

Number of pigs slaughtered -- Nil

No records are kept of sheep killings.

In 12 cases of beef slaughterings it was necessary to condemn some part or organ on account of diseases other than tuberculosis.

In 3 cases of beef slaughterings it was necessary to condemn some part or organ affected with bovine tuberculosis. There was a remarkable reduction during 1960 in the incidence of bovine tuberculosis due to a nation-wide supervision of animal health by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

All waste sound and unsound slaughterhouse material is collected regularly from slaughterhouses and food shops by a Doncaster offals processor who reduces the collected materials to sterilised fertilisers by the vacuum process.

## MOVABLE DWELLINGS

The Council do not view this type of dwelling with favour and do their utmost to continue to keep the district free of caravans. At the time of preparing this report there is only one caravan in the area occupied by a bachelor in an isolated situation and well screened from the nearest highway.

## SWIMMING BATHS

The open-air swimming pool in the Park continued to be in seasonal use during the year, especially when the weather is favourable. The water in the pool has the similarity of drinking water in character, and in addition is heated when necessary; it is also processed by continuous filtration, (filtration by sand), chlorination and re-oxygenisation by cascade.

There are no privately-owned swimming pools in the Council's district.

## RODENT CONTROL

During the year 29 cases of rodent infestation were dealt with either by the occupiers with free poison baits, or by the Council's rodent operator, Mr. Makings; all the cases appeared to be "minor" ones. There is also continuous poison baiting at the sewage works by the manager Mr. Race. Twice during the year there were two large scale baitings at the Weetshaw Lane refuse disposal site; at each treatment 1 cwt. of poison baits were laid.

## HOUSING STATISTICS

Number of houses demolished under confirmed clearance orders	12
Number of families displaced ... ..	1
Unfit houses closed voluntarily ... ..	1
(No. 11 School Hill).	
Number of back-to-back houses remaining ... ..	3
(Storrs Mill farm cottage; 11 School Hill; 56/58 Whitecross Rd.)	
Number of "single" houses remaining ... ..	3
(No. 8 The Green; Nos. 1 and 3 School Hill)	
Number of disrepair certificates granted ... ..	1
Number of new dwellings erected by private enterprise	11
Number of new dwellings erected by the Council in 1960	24
(These were not fully completed by Dec. 1960)	
Number of dwellings improved by grant-in-aid ... ..	32
Number of mortgages authorised during 1960. ... ..	21

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SUMMARY OF VISITS AND INSPECTIONS.

Under the Public Health Acts and re-visits	...	...	527
Under the Housing Act and Regulations of 1925	...	71	
Slaughterhouses for meat inspection	...	...	104
Complaints re rodent infestation	...	...	29
Bakehouses	...	...	2
Fish frying premises	...	...	2
General Food shops	...	...	4
Defective drainage systems dealt with	...	...	12
Alleged overcrowding	...	...	1
Verminous premises dealt with	...	...	5
Offensive accumulations removed	...	...	7
Searches for bed bugs on behalf of the Housing C'tee	112		
Examination of Council houses for cleanliness	...	1008	
Special investigations at request of Med. Officer		4	

Yours faithfully,

MAURICE BENNETT

Public Health Inspector.

SECTION V.

DIVISIONAL STAFF.

Divisional Medical Officer: R. Barnes, B.A., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.

Senior Assistant County Medical Officer: T.F.H. Jackson, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S.,  
L.R.F.P.S., D.P.H. (Res. 31.7.60)

P.H. Brown, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.  
( App. 26.9.60)

Assistant County Medical Officer: S.G. A. Henriques, M.B., Ch. B.

Clinic Medical Officers: Dr. C.B. Ball, Dr. W.G.S. Maxwell,  
Dr. D.J. Fairclough, Dr. N.M. Piercy,  
Dr. H.W. Gothard, Dr. M. Scott,  
Dr. G. Ingram, Dr. M.E. Tapissier,  
Dr. J. Loishman, Dr. L. Taylor,  
Dr. K. Mathers. Dr. J.W. Whitworth.

Health Visitors: P.M.P. Adkins, (Miss) G.M. Lodge, (Mrs.)  
M. Baker, (Miss) F.A. Manley, (Mrs.)  
D.H. Daniels, (Miss) B. McDonald, (Mrs.)  
(app. 4.7.60) C. Totty, (Mrs.)  
D. Gibson, (Mrs.) A. Thompson, (Mrs.)  
A.M. Harston, (Mrs.) (App. 1.4.60)  
M.E. Lee, (Miss) D. Westerman, (Miss)  
M. Lloyd, (Miss) A.M. Widdison, (Mrs.)

Clinic Nurse: D. Hodgson, Mrs.

Tuberculosis Health Visitor: E. Beever, (Mrs.)

Midwives: M.A. Colling, (Mrs.) M. Marsland, (Mrs.)  
(Res. Nov. 1960) D. Newton, (Mrs.)  
D. Crossley, (Miss) E. Parkes, (Mrs.)  
C. M. Dempsey, (Mrs.) E.A. Staley, (Mrs.)  
B. Fitzpatrick, (Mrs.) M. Walters, (Mrs.)  
C.H. Hill, (Mrs.) E. Wards, (Mrs.)  
B. Horsfield, (Mrs.) (Res. 20.10.61.)  
I.L. Jones, (Mrs.) M. Wroe, (Mrs.)  
(App. 1.1.60)

Home Nurses: M. Allen, (Mrs.) M.M. Hanson, (Mrs.)  
V. Beech, (Mrs.) M. Jones, (Mrs.)  
H. Biogalski, (Mrs.) M. McConnell, (Mrs.)  
E. Brooks, (Mrs.) H. Padgett, (Mrs.)  
F.G. Cartwright, (Mrs.) B. Parker, (Mrs.)  
N.C. Crofton, (Miss) R.E. Scott, (Miss)  
E. Cross, (Mrs.) E.A. Walker, (Miss)  
R. Edwards, (Mrs.)

Mental Welfare Officer: M. Whitoley, (Mrs.)

Mental Health Home Teacher: E. Harrott, (Mrs.)

Speech Therapist: S. Holmes, (Mrs.)

Senior Clerk: L.S. Wriggs, (Mr.)



## DIVISIONAL REPORT

### Vital Statistics

I have compiled a comparative table of the vital statistics for each of the County districts comprising Division No. 25, which I feel may be of interest to each separate authority in assessing how they stand in relation to the local figures generally.

#### Births

The number of live births registered in the divisional area in 1960 was 1,296. This is equivalent to a crude birth rate of 16.7 per 1,000. There were 24 stillbirths, giving a stillbirth rate of 18.2.

#### Deaths

The deaths assigned to the divisional area, after the addition and deduction of inward and outward transfers was 759 giving a crude death rate for the division of 9.8. You will notice in the table that this is lower than any of the other figures given for individual districts, but the other figures show adjusted rates. Unfortunately, no adjusted rate is available for the division.

#### Infant Mortality

There were 28 infant deaths in the division during the year, of which 21 occurred in the neo-natal period. This gives an infant mortality rate for the division of 21.6 as compared with 19.9 for last year and with 21.7 for England and Wales.

#### Smallpox Vaccination

In every district except Darfield there has been a marked fall in the number of infants vaccinated. This is an apparent rather than a real decline because of a recent recommendation that instead of this procedure being carried out at six months of age it should be deferred until after one year of age. This means that if the clinic medical officer is to follow this advice no vaccinations will be carried out for a period of between six to twelve months. The number of children vaccinated during the year was 495 compared with 678 in 1959. This change also means that it will not be possible to equate any percentage with the numbers vaccinated. I hope that this change will not lead to a permanent falling off in the demand for vaccination but I have genuine fears in this respect.

#### Whooping Cough and Diphtheria Immunisation

Both these procedures continued to be in demand during the year and the divisional statistics showed an all round improvement. The percentage of children under 15 years immunised against Diphtheria rose from 72.3 to 74% during the year. The pre-school age group rose from 56.4 to 60.2% and the school group rose from 79.9 to 80.6%.

### Poliomyelitis Vaccination

The compilation of detailed statistics on poliomyelitis becomes more complicated with each year that goes by. The clerical work associated with keeping these statistics separate for each district in the division is becoming alarming. You will see from the three accompanying tables that much work has been done during the current year, particularly in the giving of third doses. With the introduction of a fourth dose early in 1961, I wonder how much of the annual report may eventually be devoted to this subject. It is very difficult to find percentages of the population immune, but I have calculated these for each district in the group 1943-1960 - (i.e. 6 months to 17 years of age).

CUDWORTH	...	...	...	...	...	75.0
DARFLED	...	...	...	...	...	86.3
DARTON	...	...	...	...	...	54.8
DODWORTH	...	...	...	...	...	89.1
ROYSTON	...	...	...	...	...	67.9
WOMBWELL	...	...	...	...	...	72.4
WORSBROUGH	...	...	...	...	...	71.7
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DIVISION	...	...	...	...	...	73.3
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These figures do not include those completed by the National Coal Board for each district. I am not able to separate the school children from the remainder but the percentage immunised in this group is much higher than these figures would indicate.

### Midwifery and Maternity Services

The number of cases attended by domiciliary midwives was 670 and during the year there were 649 institutional confinements. These figures compare with 626 and 708 respectively in the previous year. The number of new cases attending ante-natal clinics in the division was 437 and the total number of attendances was 2,828. Post-natal attendances were 265, this figure shows a slight decline compared with 1959.

<u>District</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Population Registrar General's Estimate Mid 1960.</u>	<u>Adjusted Birth Rate per 1,000 pop.</u>	<u>Adjusted Death Rate per 1,000 pop.</u>	<u>Stillbirth Rate</u>	<u>Infant Death Rate</u>	<u>Perinatal Mortality Rate</u>
CUDFORTH ...	1,746	8,960	18.4	15.1	22.7	29.1	45.5
DARFIELD ...	2,018	6,640	21.4	12.5	13.9	42.3	41.7
DARTON ...	4,726	14,740	15.8	12.9	8.4	25.3	25.1
DODNORTH ...	1,857	4,300	13.0	15.1	-	17.5	17.5
ROYSTON ...	1,452	8,500	15.6	14.7	28.4	21.9	49.6
WOMBWELL ...	3,850	19,160	16.2	11.5	31.5	12.9	40.6
WORSBROUGH ...	3,420	15,050	16.0	12.8	8.2	12.4	12.3
RATES FOR THE DIVISION ...	20,099	77,350	16.8 (Crude)	9.3 (Crude)	13.2	21.6	33.3
RATES FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNTY ...			17.1	12.6	22.4	22.5	35.5
ENGLAND AND WALES ...			17.1	11.5	19.7	21.7	Not available

IMMUNISATION STATISTICS 1960.

<u>District</u>	<u>Population</u>	<u>Whooping Cough</u>		<u>Diphtheria Immunisation</u>		<u>Smallpox</u> <u>No. Vaccinated</u> <u>during year.</u>	<u>Tetanus</u> <u>No. Immunised</u> <u>during year.</u>
		<u>Immunisation</u> <u>0-4 yrs. age</u> <u>No.</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Years</u> <u>0-15</u>	<u>Years</u> <u>0-4</u>		
CUDWORTH ...	8,960	537	65.1	86.4	63.0	54	167
DARFELD ...	6,640	389	68.3	91.1	77.9	155	96
DARTON ...	14,740	749	65.0	68.5	64.9	69	218
DODWORTH ...	4,300	190	57.2	83.3	59.0	-	40
ROYSTON ...	8,500	458	62.3	82.8	62.3	59	107
WOTTELL ...	19,160	877	53.7	73.6	50.1	103	258
WORSBROUGH ...	15,050	748	58.1	66.7	57.1	55	226
DIVISIONAL FIGURES	77,350	3,948	60.2	74.0	60.2	80.6	495
							1,112



POSITION AT ELIST DECEMBER, 1959.				COMPLETED DURING - 1960				GRAND TOTAL AT ELIST DECEMBER 1960						
District	Children	Young Persons	Expectant Mothers	TOTAL	Children	Young Persons	Expectant Mothers	Adults	Total	Children	Young Persons	Expectant Mothers	Others	TOTAL
CUDWORTH	1,917	794	326	3,037	107	43	60	63	273	2,024	837	386	63	3,310
DARFIELD	1,570	732	99	2,401	130	24	11	60	225	1,700	756	110	60	2,626
DARTON	2,054	791	49	2,894	182	50	5	109	346	2,236	841	54	109	3,240
DODWORTH	1,092	471	24	1,587	71	25	7	18	121	1,163	496	31	18	1,708
ROYSTON	1,567	486	13	2,066	23	7	-	19	49	1,590	493	13	19	2,115
WOMBWELL	4,013	787	80	4,880	274	36	17	105	432	4,287	823	97	105	5,312
WORSBROUGH	2,701	440	176	3,317	284	58	55	94	491	2,985	498	231	94	3,808
BARNSELEY GRAVEAR SCHOOL (W.R. PUPILS)	182	57	-	239	-	-	-	-	-	182	57	-	-	239
BARNSELEY HIGH SCHOOL (W.R. PUPILS)	172	77	-	249	1	-	-	-	1	173	77	-	-	250
SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY	-	62	-	62	-	-	-	-	-	-	62	-	-	62
OCCUPATION CENTRE WOMBWELL	12	-	-	12	-	-	-	-	-	12	-	-	-	12
NATIONAL COAL BOARD	-	-	-	-	122	1,808	-	165	2,095	122	1,808	-	165	2,095
DIVISIONAL TOTALS	15,230	4,697	767	20,744	1,194	2,051	155	633	4,033	16,474	6,743	922	633	24,777



## POLIOMYELITIS VACCINATION 1960 - (WITH THREE DOSES)

	POSITION AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1959				COMPLETED DURING - 1960						GRAND TOTAL AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1960				
DISTRICT	Children	Young Persons	Expectant Mothers	Total	Children	Young Persons	Expectant Mothers	Others	Total	Children	Young Persons	Expectant Mothers	Others	TOTAL	
CUDWORTH	621	58	110	789	597	442	69	58	966	1,018	500	179	58	1,755	
DARFIELD	911	157	49	1,117	521	383	26	49	984	1,432	545	75	49	2,101	
DARTON	911	290	9	1,210	1,579	527	11	37	1,710	2,190	673	20	37	2,920	
DODWORTH	513	61	-	568	182	130	13	14	339	729	151	13	14	907	
ROYSTON	804	74	3	881	565	339	-	8	912	1,369	413	3	8	1,793	
WOMBWELL	1,782	98	8	1,888	1,158	536	51	68	1,813	2,940	634	59	68	3,901	
WORSBROUGH	1,199	40	23	1,262	573	308	68	43	997	2,357	348	91	48	3,744	
BARNSTLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL	131	-	-	131	-	-	-	-	-	131	-	-	-	131	
BARNSTLEY HIGH SCHOOL	208	46	-	254	20	2	-	-	22	228	48	-	-	276	
NATIONAL COAL BOARD	-	-	-	-	105	1,627	-	6	1,738	105	1,627	-	6	1,738	
DIVISIONAL TOTALS	7,114	784	202	8,100	4,800	4,155	238	288	9,481	11,914	4,939	440	288	17,581	

### ANTE-NATAL CLINICS

Attendances at the Ante-Natal Clinic, Old People's Centre, Sidcop Road, Cudworth, showed a slight decline during the year when 313 women made 1,000 attendances, compared with 282 women who made 1,427 attendances in 1959.

In addition to this, 137 attendances were made at Relaxation Classes run by the midwives. These classes are of the greatest value in giving health education to a mother at a time when she is most receptive.

### INFANT WELFARE CLINICS

Most of the infant welfare clinics in the division continued to thrive, and 2,320 new cases attended under the age of 1 year. The total number of children attending local health authority clinics was 3,018. Total attendances 34,743.

Your local clinic at the Old People's Centre showed a marked decline during the year. 2,503 attendances were made by children under the age of one and 2,005 attendances by children over the age of one, compared with 3,006 and 2,584 respectively in 1959. I feel that perhaps this reflects improved facilities, which are now available in the West Riding area just over your border, where people previously travelled to Cudworth for this service now have facilities in their own division.

### SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICE

I am pleased to report that the routine work of school medical inspection is making steady progress towards catching up with the previous back-log caused by Poliomyelitis vaccination. If conditions remain favourable, I think that one more year will see us back on schedule.

Dr. Jackson left the service to take up an appointment at Millom on the 31st July, 1960, and we are pleased to welcome Dr. P. H. Brewin who took up duties on the 26th September, 1960.

The table shows the work carried out by the school health service during the year.

SUMMARY OF DEFECTS FOUND

District	No. of children inspected	Number Satisfactory	Number Unsatisfactory	EYE		E. N. T.		HEART		LUNGS		ORTHOPAEDIC		OTHERS	
				Treat- ment	Obser- vation	Treat- ment	Obser- vation	Treat- ment	Obser- vation	Treat- ment	Obser- vation	Treat- ment	Obser- vation	Treat- ment	Obser- vation
CUDWORTH	653	653	-	31	62	12	59	1	5	4	25	2	9	14	58
DARFIELD	390	390	-	14	16	20	38	1	10	1	12	6	6	14	61
DARTON	841	841	-	49	107	15	47	3	3	3	13	9	6	27	75
DODWORTH	112	110	2	11	6	3	15	-	2	1	3	1	9	3	31
ROYSTON	598	598	-	41	62	13	38	1	6	2	16	2	9	20	56
WOLFELELL	506	506	-	47	69	16	37	2	8	2	7	2	13	30	56
WORSBROUGH	587	585	2	30	51	24	34	3	10	1	19	8	17	24	47
TOTALS	3,687	3,683	4	223	373	103	268	11	44	14	95	30	69	99	384

SPECIALIST CLINICS.

<u>Clinic</u>	<u>No. of Attendances</u>						
	<u>CUDWORTH</u>	<u>DARFELD</u>	<u>DARTON</u>	<u>DODWORTH</u>	<u>ROYSTON</u>	<u>WALDWELL</u>	<u>WORSBROUGH</u>
OPHTHALMIC ... ..	191	69	219	47	105	211	164
EAR, NOSE AND THROAT ... ..	55	9	35	4	18	28	29
PAEDIATRIC ... ..	5	1	7	2	4	16	15
CHILD GUIDANCE ... ..	5	2	36	8	10	60	42



<u>District</u>	<u>MINOR ATTEND CLINICS</u>		<u>SCHOOL CLINICS</u>
	<u>No of children</u>	<u>Total attendances</u>	<u>No. seen by doctor</u>
CUDWORTH	-	-	251
DARFIELD	51	55	54
DARTON	-	-	264
DODWORTH	7	7	11
ROYSTON	114	132	212
WOMBWELL	44	72	87
WORSBROUGH	267	288	46

#### SPEECH THERAPY

	<u>No. of children</u>	<u>Total attendances</u>
CUDWORTH	7	121
DARFIELD	4	60
DARTON	9	155
DODWORTH	1	15
ROYSTON	3	101
WOMBWELL	12	240
WORSBROUGH	7	128

#### Wombwell Special School

11 children were treated at the school. The therapist visits the school for half a day each week.

## MANTOUX TESTING OF SCHOOL ENTRANTS

This service has continued during the year, and, because the results this year show certain trends, I feel it is worthy of comment. Certain trends become apparent from the table reproduced below. The number of children positive at five years old because of B.C.G. vaccination now becomes a very significant part of the total number of positive reactors (63%). The other change shows that results in the Dodworth Urban District are within normal limits. Five years ago Dodworth had a persistent rate of 20 - 30% against the rest of the division of 2%.

(See Table I).

## CHIROPODY SERVICE

During the year a chiropody service has been introduced in every district. This scheme seemed rather slow to start in some districts chiefly due to the non-availability of qualified chiropodists and premises. However, by the end of the year a scheme was functioning in every district giving free treatment to pensioners, physically handicapped and expectant mothers. It might be noted that not a single patient in the last category has so far come forward. At Darfield the Trustees of the Darfield Nurses' Home have continued to run their scheme on an agency basis for the County Council, but in all other districts a direct service under the County Council has been set up.

I give below a table showing the work carried out by the various chiropodists in each area.

(See Table II).

The first reaction to these statistics is that the percentage of people requiring domiciliary treatment is alarmingly high. One of the objects of the scheme is to keep the old people in the community mobile and perhaps we should be able to judge the success of the scheme by the fall which I hope will occur in the number of old people needing treatment at home.

MANTOUX TESTING OF SCHOOL ENTRANTS

TABLE I

District	No. of children offered	No. of children accepting	Acceptance Rate	No. of children negative	No. of children positive because of B.C.G.	No. positive other than B.C.G.	Total Positive	% Positive other than B.C.G.	Referred to Chest Physician
CUDWORTH	174	148	85 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	144	1	3	4	2.0	3
DARTFIELD	157	107	68 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	103	4	-	4	0.0	-
DARTON	150	126	84 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	123	1	2	3	1.6	2
DODD FORTH	68	64	94 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	62	1	1	2	1.6	1
ROYSTON	145	120	83 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	118	2	-	2	0.0	2
WOLBELL	213	202	95 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	201	1	-	1	0.0	-
WORSBROUGH	201	185	92 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	179	4	2	6	1.0	1
TOTALS FOR DIVISION	1,108	952	85.9%	930	14	8	22	0.86	9

AREA	DATE SERVICE CO. LENCED	NO. OF SESSIONS HELD	NO. OF PATIENTS TREATED IN CLINIC OR SURGERY		NO. OF TREATMENTS CARRIED OUT IN CLINIC OR SURGERY		NO. OF PATIENTS TREATED AT HOME		NO. OF TREATMENTS CARRIED OUT AT HOME	
			PENSIONERS	PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED	PENSIONERS	PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED	PENSIONERS	PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED	PENSIONERS	PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED
CUDWORTH	12.9.60	14	58	-	103	-	26	-	41	-
DARFIELD	1.4.60	62	166	2	551	7	56	-	196	-
DARTON	16.3.60	83	216	8	339	24	47	4	199	12
DODWORTH	23.12.60	2	15	-	15	-	3	-	3	-
ROYSTON	5.12.60	7	52	1	52	1	-	-	-	-
WOLBELL	5.4.60	121	247	12	893	15	37	5	190	20
WORSBROUGH	12.12.60	4	23	-	23	-	4	-	4	-
DIVISIONAL TOTALS		293	777	23	2,476	47	173	9	633	32



## Health Visiting.

The staffing position with regard to health visitors remained relatively unchanged from the previous year. The total number of visits made by the Health Visitors during the year was 34,760, of which 20,879 were made to pre-school children. 8,428 visits were made to children under the age of one year.

As in other spheres, Poliomyelitis vaccination took up a great deal of the health visitors' time during 1960, and I feel that the time is fast approaching when we must consider if such routine work could not be done by some lesser qualified person. It is not generally realised that the health visitor is a qualified nurse, a qualified midwife and a further post-graduate certificate in health visiting.

During the year the scheme was commenced to test all babies in a condition known as Phenylketonuria. This is metabolic disturbance which such children are born with. The effect of the disease is to poison the brain and produce mental sub-normality. It is a rare condition; estimates of its incidence vary between 1 in 10,000 and 1 in 40,000 births, but it is the one preventable cause of sub-normality. During the year 847 babies were tested by the Health Visiting Staff, all of whom were negative.

## Home Nursing

The home nurses in the division made 47,464 visits last year. 39,655 of those being to medical cases, 6,930 to surgical cases and 680 visits were made to Tuberculosis patients. These figures all show an increase compared with previous years.

Slightly over half of the patients were over 65 and claimed nearly  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the visits.

## Home Help Service

The home help service again provided a service mainly for the elderly and the proportion of hours expended on this category was 92% of the totals. The total number of households assisted during the year was 729 compared with 663 in the previous year. The total number of hours received by such households was 124,952 compared with 103,941 in 1959. This represents a rise of 20% in the number of hours expended compared with the previous year.

A few years ago, I commented on the fact that we could not go on accommodating more and more cases by cutting the number of hours per case. This limit was reached in 1959 and the ensuing years will inevitably see an expansion of service. I give below a table which shows the changes which have taken place over the years.

District	Average No. of cases per week			Average hours per case per week		
	Early 1954	Late 1957	Late 1960	Early 1954	Late 1957	Late 1960
CUDWORTH	... 51 $\frac{1}{2}$	58 $\frac{1}{2}$	75	7.0	3.5	4.0
DARFIELD	... 28	40 $\frac{1}{2}$	68	6.8	3.8	4.9
DARTON	... 47	77	107	6.1	3.85	3.9
DOODWORTH	... 9	19	30	6.6	6.0	4.0
ROYSTON	... 14 $\frac{1}{2}$	49 $\frac{1}{2}$	65	10.3	3.5	3.9
WOLTBWELL	... 53	95	145	5.1	3.8	4.1
WORSBROUGH	... 41	66 $\frac{1}{2}$	91	6.0	4.9	4.7
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DIVISIONAL TOTALS	... 224	406	581	6.4	3.9	4.35

# MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE

## MENTAL SUBNORMALITY

### A. Cases ascertained to be mentally subnormal and subject to be dealt with in 1960:

Number in which action was taken on reports by:

	<u>Under</u> <u>16 yrs.</u>		<u>Over</u> <u>16 yrs.</u>	
	M	F	M	F
i. Local Education Authority				
a. While at school or liable to attend school ... ..	1	1	-	-
b. On leaving Special School ...	2	-	-	1
c. On leaving ordinary school ...	-	-	-	-
ii. Police or by the Courts ... ..	-	-	-	-
iii. Other sources (transfer from other districts, re-ascertainments, etc)	-	-	-	-
	3	1	-	1

### B. Particulars of cases removed from Register during 1960:

i. By reason of death ... ..	-	-	-	1
ii. De-classified ... ..	-	-	-	-
iii. Removal to Hospitals ... ..	2	-	-	-
iv. Transfer to other districts ...	-	-	1	1
	2	-	1	2

### C. Particulars of Cases on the Register at 31st December, 1960:

i. Statutory Supervision ... ..	17	16	62	70
ii. Voluntary Supervision ... ..	-	-	16	13
iii. Under Guardianship ... ..	-	-	-	-
iv. On licence from hospitals ...	-	-	-	-
	17	16	78	83

## Training Facilities for mentally sub-normal patients

### Particulars of sub-normal patients:

<u>Centre</u>		<u>Supervisor</u>		<u>Under 16 years</u>		<u>Over 16 years</u>	
				M	F	M	F
Wombwell ...		Mrs. E. Large ... ..		9	10	4	6
Hemsworth ...		Mrs. Towel ... ..		-	3	1	-
Barnsley C.B.		Miss Smith ... ..		-	-	2	4
				9	13	7	10

At present there are 25 sub-normal children in the Division who are under 16 years of age. Of these, 22 are in full-time attendance at Training Centres. The remaining three, due to physical as well as mental disability, are unable to be catered for at the present time.

At the Wombwell Training Centre there is only provision for 27 pupils and 29 were attending by the end of the year.

I am happy to say that both the plans for a new Adult Training Centre and the extension to The Gables have both been passed and work will be started on them in the near future.

### Group Training

For the mentally sub-normal adults who are unable to attend Training Centres, Group Training Classes are held in various parts of the Division. In the case of physical handicap or domestic commitments home visits are made.

The four classes are held in the following districts:

Monday,	9.30a.m. to 4.0.p.m.	Darby and Joan Club, Royston. (Mrs. E. Harrott)
Tuesday,	9.30a.m. to 4.0.p.m.	Parish Hall, Wombwell. (Mrs. E. Harrott)
Thursday,	9.30a.m. to 4.0.p.m.	Ambulance Hall, Worsbrough Bridge (Mrs. E. Harrott)
Friday,	9.30a.m. to 4.0.p.m.	Infant Welfare Centre, Darton. Mrs. E. Harrott)

During the year 3 males and 20 females attended the Group Training Class and 10 females and 3 males were visited by the teacher to give home tuition.

Thanks are due to the Parents' Association who during the year have given financial aid towards a Pantomime Trip to Leeds, and a day's outing at Whitby. Thanks are also due to the National Association, Wombwell Branch, for an excursion to Blackpool to see the lights.

### Wombwell Occupation Centre

During the year the Training Centre had 29 pupils on the roll, which was two more than the original establishment.

The following table shows the distribution of the pupils in age groups.

	5 yrs.	6 yrs.	7 yrs.	8 yrs.	9 yrs.	10 yrs.	11 yrs.	12 yrs.	13 yrs.	14 yrs.	15 yrs.	16 yrs.
Males	1	1	-	1	4	-	-	1	-	1	-	4
Females	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	3	3	6

The whole of The Gables is now at the disposal of the Training Centre as the West Riding Dental Department has vacated the three rooms they formerly occupied.

In July we were happy to welcome back Miss Thornton, who returned from the N. A. M. H. Training Course and has been appointed as an Assistant Supervisor.



Thanks are again due to the Parent Teachers' Association and the Wombwell Rotary and Inner Wheel. The Parents' Association has continued to be active and they have donated to the Centre a small cine screen. The Wombwell Rotary and Inner Wheel organised a five day Whitsuntide holiday for 13 of the mentally sub-normal at Scarborough. The staff and children had their annual day's outing at the end of July, and the N.A.M.H.C. contributed towards a day trip for the children to Belle Vue during the mid-term holiday.

A successful Garden Party organised by the Parents' Association was held in mid July, followed shortly afterwards by the Open Day. Towards the end of the year the children gave a performance of "Robin and the Christmas Tree Fairy" in the Parish Hall. A Christmas party was held at the Training Centre and the Parents' Association donated presents to each child to the value of ten shillings.

Accommodation

During the past year six cases have been admitted to hospital for short-stay accommodation which was appreciated by the parents.

Mental Health After-Care Service

Particulars relating to discharges from  
Mental Hospitals during the year.

<u>Mental Hospital</u>	<u>(Vol.)</u>		<u>(Cert.)</u>		<u>Deaths</u>	
	<u>Section I.</u>		<u>Section 16.</u>			
	M	F	M	F	M	F
Storthes Hall ... ..	33	30	6	16	3	6
Stanley Royd ... ..	4	-	-	-	-	-
Middlewood ... ..	2	3	-	3	-	-
Scalebor Park ... ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals ... ..	39	33	6	19	3	6



DISPOSAL OF MENTALLY HANDICAPPED ON THE  
SUPERVISION REGISTER FOR THE WHOLE DIVISION

<u>Age Groups</u>	<u>Receiving Training</u>			<u>Working</u>	<u>Assisting in the Home</u>	<u>Training offers refused</u>	<u>Unable to be trained because of physical or mental disability</u>	<u>Still in ordinary school</u>
	<u>O.C.</u>	<u>G.T.</u>	<u>H.T.</u>					
<u>FEMALES:</u>								
Under 16 years	13	-	-	4	-	-	2	-
Over 16 years	10	20	10	15	13	6	4	1
<u>MALES:</u>								
Under 16 years	9	-	-	3	-	-	1	-
Over 16 years	7	3	3	35	18	1	2	-
TOTALS:	39	23	13	57	31	7	9	1

(1 Female aged over 16 years who previously attended group training classes is now receiving mental hospital treatment. 1 Male aged over 16 years who is attending the group training classes is mentally ill.)





